

# Item 3

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## San Francisco Bay Regional Board Basin Plan Amendment to Refine Beneficial Uses of Hayward Marsh

**December 5, 2011**



# Basin Plan Amendment

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- Add Hayward Marsh as distinct water body
- Remove water contact recreation
- Add the RARE beneficial use



# 2 Comment Letters - Supportive

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U.S. EPA

Union Sanitary District





# Chronology

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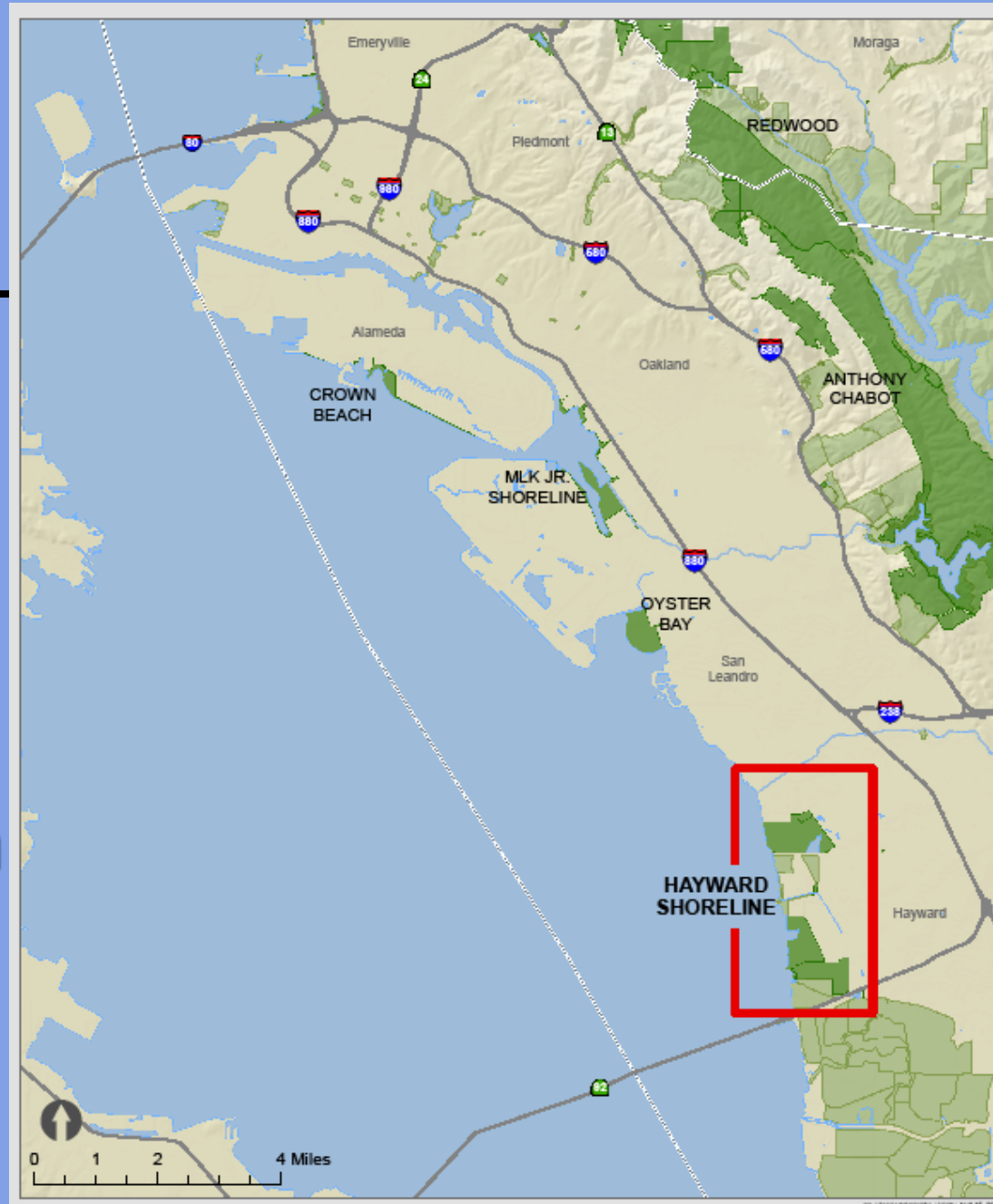
- 1800s: Salt production
- 1940s: Ceased salt production
- 1978: Basin Plan - Hayward area marshes have REC-1
- 1988: Hayward Marsh constructed



Hayward Area Historical Society

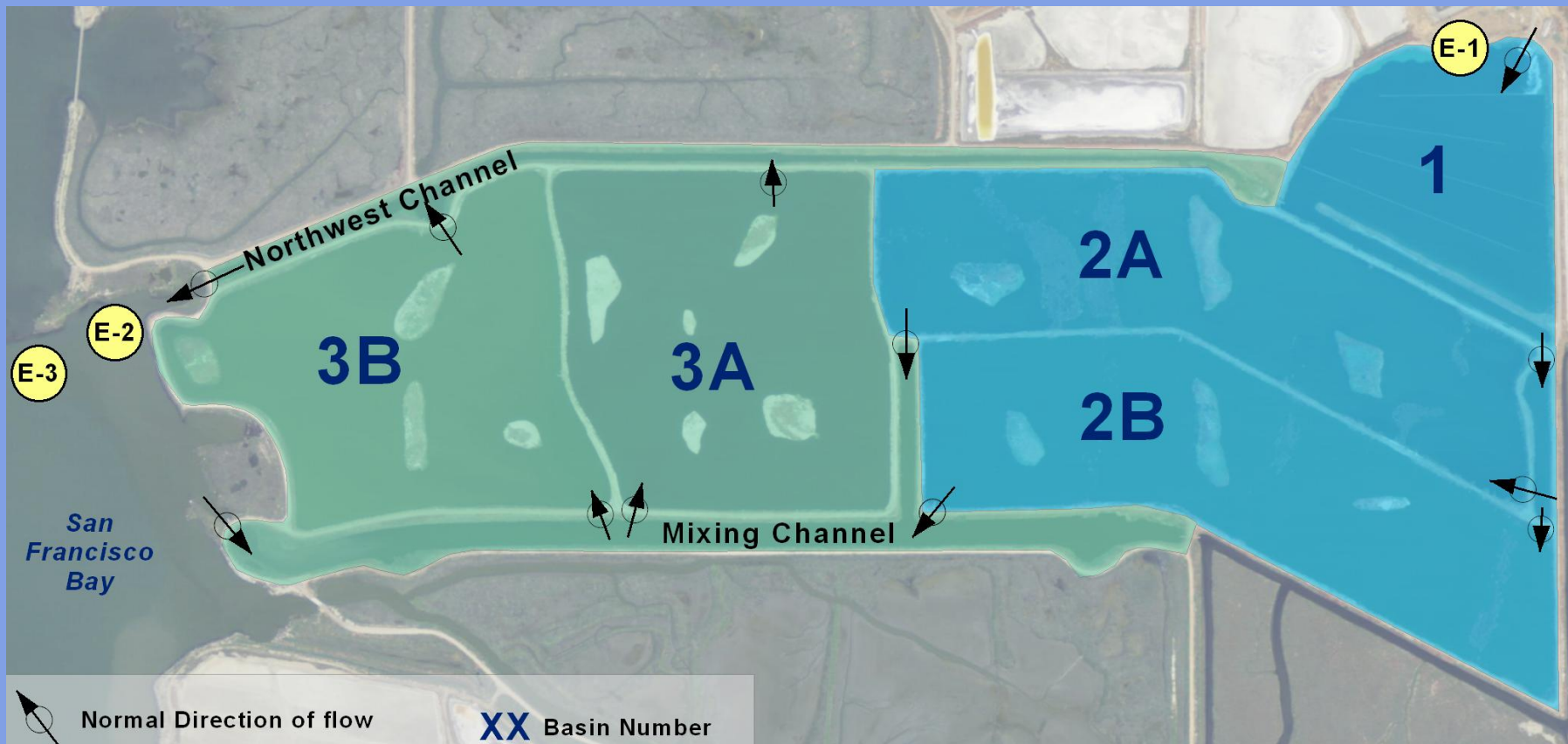
# Hayward Shoreline

1. Hayward Marsh
2. Hayward Area Recreation District Marsh
3. Cogswell Marsh
4. Oro Loma Marsh



# Hayward Marsh Operation

Basins 1, 2A, 2B - Treatment  
Ponds 3A, 3B – Waters of U.S.



# REC-1 Not Existing Use

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- Public access not allowed
- Protect avian nest/feed areas
- Fencing & channels restrict access
- No boat access





# Use Attainability Analysis

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REC-1 cannot be attained:

- Naturally occurring pollutants
  - ✓ Pathogens from waterfowl
- Human-caused conditions
  - ✓ Removing wastewater input would cause more damage to environment

